1 2 3 4 5 6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 9 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 ABONILICO LAMAR CARROLL, Civil No. 13cv1256 JLS (MDD) CDCR #E-54374, 12 Inmate Booking No. 12584822 13 Plaintiff, ORDER DENYING MOTION TO 14 AND DISMISSING CASE WITHOUT PREJUDICE PURSUANT TO VS. 15 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a) 16 GEORGE BAILEY DETENTION (ECF No. 2) FACILITY: DEPUTY WHITE: 17 DEPUTY GARCIA; DEPUTY PRICE, 18 Defendants. 19 20 Plaintiff, currently incarcerated at the George Bailey Detention Facility located in San 21 22 Diego, and proceeding pro se, filed a civil rights complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 in the Central District of California. Plaintiff has not prepaid the \$350 filing fee mandated by 28 23 U.S.C. § 1914(a); instead, he has filed a Motion to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* ("IFP") pursuant 24 to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a) [ECF No. 2]. 25 MOTION TO PROCEED IFP 26 I. All parties instituting any civil action, suit or proceeding in a district court of the United 27 States, except an application for writ of habeas corpus, must pay a filing fee of \$350. See 28 28

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U.S.C. § 1914(a). An action may proceed despite a party's failure to pay only if the party is granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis ("IFP") pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a). See Andrews v. Cervantes, 493 F.3d 1047, 1051 (9th Cir. 2007); Rodriguez v. Cook, 169 F.3d 1176, 1177 (9th Cir. 1999). "Under the PLRA [Prison Litigation Reform Act], all prisoners who file IFP civil actions must pay the full amount of the filing fee," regardless of whether the action is ultimately dismissed for any reason. See Taylor v. Delatoore, 281 F.3d 844, 847 (9th Cir. 2002) (citing 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915(b)(1) & (2)).

In order to comply with the PLRA, prisoners seeking leave to proceed IFP must also submit a "certified copy of the trust fund account statement (or institutional equivalent) for the prisoner for the 6-month period immediately preceding the filing of the complaint " 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2). From the certified trust account statement, the Court assesses an initial payment of 20% of (a) the average monthly deposits in the account for the past six months, or (b) the average monthly balance in the account for the past six months, whichever is greater, unless the prisoner has no assets. See 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915(b)(1), (4); see Taylor, 281 F.3d at 850. Thereafter, the institution having custody of the prisoner must collect subsequent payments, assessed at 20% of the preceding month's income, in any month in which the prisoner's account exceeds \$10, and forward those payments to the Court until the entire filing fee is paid. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2).

While Plaintiff has filed a Motion to Proceed IFP pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a), he has not attached a certified copy of his prison trust account statement for the 6-month period immediately preceding the filing of his Complaint. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2); S.D. CAL. CIVLR 3.2. Section 1915(a)(2) clearly mandates that prisoners "seeking to bring a civil action . . . without prepayment of fees . . . shall submit a certified copy of the trust fund account statement (or institutional equivalent) . . . for the 6-month period immediately preceding the filing of the complaint." 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2) (emphasis added).

Without Plaintiff's trust account statement, the Court is simply unable to assess the appropriate amount of the filing fee which is statutorily required to initiate the prosecution of this action. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1).

II. CONCLUSION AND ORDER

For the reasons set forth above, **IT IS ORDERED** that:

- (1) Plaintiff's Motion to Proceed IFP [ECF No. 2] is DENIED and the action is DISMISSED without prejudice for failure to prepay the \$400 filing fee mandated by 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a).
- (2) Plaintiff is GRANTED an additional forty-five (45) days from the date of this Order to either: (a) prepay the entire \$350 civil filing fee and \$50 administrative fee in full; *or* (b) complete and file a Motion to Proceed IFP *which includes a certified copy of his trust account statement for the 6-month period preceding the filing of his Complaint. See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2); S.D. CAL. CIVLR 3.2(b). If Plaintiff chooses to file a Motion to Proceed IFP which the Court later grants, the \$50 administrative fee will be waived.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court shall provide Plaintiff with a Court-approved form "Motion and Declaration in Support of Motion to Proceed IFP" in this matter. If Plaintiff neither pays the \$400 filing fee in full nor sufficiently completes and files the attached Motion to Proceed IFP, *together with a certified copy of his trust account statement within 45 days*, this action shall remained closed without further Order of the Court.

onorable Janis L. Sammartino nited States District Judge

DATED: June 17, 2013

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